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The following table shows the amounts of money at the disposal of the East German Ministry for Foreign and Internal German Trade (MAI) during May 1953; these amounts are to be used to finance interzonal trade:

Office of the Ministry	Amount in Clearing Units (Verrcchnungseinheiten) 1/	Use
Kontor I	300,000	for medium and drawn plates
Kontor II	350,000	for locomotive tires and forged rods
Kontor III	160,000	for reparations and power requirements
Kontor IV	470,000	for reparations and key projects (Schwerpunkte)
Kontor V	300,000	for Wolfsen power (alloyed pipe) and reparations
Kontor VI	500,000	for alloying material, primarily hematite
Kontor VIII	50,000	for tin foil (Zinrrolie), film-pouring bands (Filmschlaender), resistance wire (Widerstanddraht) for heating conductors

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1/ Comment. According to an agreement between the Deutsche Notenbank and the Bank deutscher Länder, a clearing unit is to be based on the assumption that one DM equals one DME; this obtains only for interzonal contracts.

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